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PATENT
Docket No. GC500-2-US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
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V. Schellenberger et al.)
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Serial No.: 09/554,992)
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Filed: May 23, 2000)
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For: An Improved Method Of Assaying For)
A Preferred Enzyme And/Or Preferred)
Detergent Composition)

Group Art Unit: 1623

Examiner: Mahreen F. Chaudhry

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 8, 9 and 15 as shown in Appendix A ("Clean Version of Amended Claims") and Appendix B ("Version with Markings to Show Changes Made"). Support for the amended claims may be found throughout the disclosure, including the claims, as originally filed, as well as specifically as follows: support for the amendments to claims 2, 9 and new claim 26 may be found, *inter alia*, on page 3, lines 16-21.

Please add new claim 26 as shown in Appendix A.

A clean set of pending claims is provided in Appendix C.